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ENP02FF122030 2/G11/VCI/R091-70 RPT 2/G11/VCI/R01-70 SUMMARY OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN THE DXZ, DRV MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE AND LAOS WHICH HAS BECOME AVAILABLE DURING THE PERIOD 211000Z THRU 22 0959Z MARCH 1970.

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THE SUBJECT OF A 21 MARCH COMMUNIQUE FROM THE COMMAND POST OF THE 559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP TO BINH TRAM 42. GROUP REVEALED THAT THE 2ND ENGINEER BATTALION USED INFANTRY WEAPONS TO SHOOT DOWN A HELICOPTER. REPORTEDLY, THE PILOT WAS KILLED AND THE RADIO WAS CAPTURED. THE MESSAGE ALSO NOTED THAT THE 284TH AAA REGIMENT SHOT INTO FLAMES ONE HELICOPTER AND ONE AD-5. NO DATE WAS DISCLOSED FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE SHOOTDOWNS. ALSO, ACCORDING TO THE DISPATCH, BINH TRAM 41 SHOT DOWN TWO F-4'S, ONE EACH ON 19 AND 20 MARCH.

(2/G11/VCI/T2283-70; SONGBIRD) ANOTHER SHOOTDOWN WAS DISCLOSED ON AN EMULATION REPORT FROM THE 16TH AAA BATTALION TO BINH TRAM 32. THE BINH TRAM WAS TOLD THAT ONE F-4 WAS SHOT DOWN, AND ANOTHER THREE SHOT INTO FLAMES DURING THE MONTH WHILE THE BATTALION WAS PROTECTING 952 VEHICLES WHICH WERE GOING DOWN, AND 916 VEHICLES WHICH WERE GOING UP. (2/G11/VCI/T2303-70) A 21 MARCH DISPATCH FROM BINH TRAM 32 TO ALL UNITS MENTIONED THAT DURING THE NIGHT AND DAY OF 21 MARCH, ALL ENGINEER BATTALIONS ARE TO BUILD FALSE POSITIONS AT ALL POSITIONS. THE BINH TRAM DIRECTED THE 69TH ENGINEER BATTALION TO USE LAMPLIGHTS AT KM 86 (LOCATED WITHIN 2000 METERS OF XD 058 719, 16-56N 106-00E) AND KM 93 (CONVAT- ERALLY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XD 089 668, 16-52N 106-01E) TO SIMULATE VEHICLE HEADLIGHTS. (2/G11/VCI/T2293-70) REFLECTIONS OF ALLIED AIR ACTIVITY, READ AS FOLLOWS, A. NUMBER AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT B. TIME AND DATE C. LOCATIONS D. COMMENTS A. ONE OV-10 AND FOUR A-7'S B. 0645, UNSPECIFIED C. TA LAO (LOCATED AT XD 32 60/ 16-48N 106-14E) D. AIRCRAFT DROPPED ONE SMOKE MARKER AND NINE STICKS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS A. ONE OV-10 AND TWO F-4'S B. 10380, UNSPECIFIED C. TAM BAN (POSSIBLE BAN TAM BAN, LOCATED AT XD 40 58, 16-47N 106-18E) D. AIRCRAFT DROPPED ONE SMOKE MARKER AND THREE STICKS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS (2/G11/VCI/T2291-70) V. NORTH VIETNAM, A. SUSPECTED 325TH DIVISION, ON 20 MARCH, THE POSSIBLE HQ, 36TH REGIMENT AND THE SUSPECTED HQ, 88TH REGIMENT RESUMED COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE SUD HQ, 325TH DIVISION AFTER A TWO MONTH HIATUS. THE POSSIBLE HQ, 36TH REGIMENT WAS LAST LOCATED ON 7 MARCH WITHIN 2900 METERS OF XD -973 996 (17-08N 106-50E). APPROXIMATELY 30 KM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF CON THIEN ON 24 FEBRUARY THE SUSPECTED HQ, 88TH REGIMENT WAS LOCATED WITHIN 25 NAUTICAL MILES OF XE 26 92 (17-58N 106-11E) IN THE HA TINH/QUANG BINH PROVINCE BORDER AREA. B. 164TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT, MESSAGES PASSED BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE 164TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT, ON 21 AND 22 MARCH TOUCHED UPON COMMUNIST RECONNAISSANCE EFFORTS NEAR UNLOCATED 405 AND PLANS TO GUARANTEE A VICARIOUS MISSION. THE MESSAGE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE NATURE OF THIS MISSION. (2/G11/VCI/T0938-70, T0965-70) C. 218TH AAA REGIMENT, ON 20 MARCH,

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MESSAGES BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE WQTH AAA REGIMENT CONTAINED PERSONNEL STATUS REPORTS AND REFERENCED TO TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN WHICH TECHNIQUES IN EFFECTIVELY ENGAGING SUCH AIRCRAFT AS F4V-10, L-19 AND B-26'S WERE TAUGHT. (2/G11/VCK/T010170, T0102-70) VI. LAOS, ON 21 MARCH, AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA ENTITY (M8325) WHILE IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED ENTITY (M6126), WAS INITIALLY LOCATED WITHIN 3200 METERS OF WD 896 956. (17-06N 105-50E2. ALSO ON 21 MARCH. AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA ENTITY (M1006) WAS LOCATED WITHIN 1400 METERS OF XC 314 467 (15-48N 106-11E), WHILE IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH HQ, 565TH GROUP. THIS REPRESENTS A MOVE OF APPROXIMATELY 84KM IN A SOUTH-EASTERLY DIRECTION FROM THIS ENTITY'S PREVIOUS LOCATION ON 10 MARCH WITHIN 500 METERS OF WD 878 077 (16-20N 105-48E). (TACREP NR 474-70 PASEP G11/N>211355Z) XXHH 900 NNNNZ

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